

Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Keith Robinson
Date: January 14, 2016
Subject: Nuisance Ordinance Update



Work on revising the nuisance ordinance is continuing. In the last council update I indicated that a meeting had been set with the City Attorney Kathy Foggo. Following that meeting it was decided to stay with a format consistent with what we have now. That being section 5.30.010 definitions would remain as the main location to define acts, conditions or behaviors that would be considered nuisances. The remainder of the ordinance 5.30 would be modified to address administrative issues.

Attached is the current draft of the administrative sections 5.30.020 thru 5.30.080. These sections have been modified to put in current legal requirements, clarify the process for inspecting properties, address complaints from initial notification through condemnation of property if necessary. Changes were also made to clarify the role of municipal court and keep county court as an option for abatement cases.

Review of the current building and fire codes is ongoing concerning the abatement process and overlap with ordinance 5.30. The hope is to have one abatement process.

Work has also started to clarify definitions for specific nuisances. These will be brought forward for council review at a future work session.